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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON CHINA'S INFORMATION COLLECTION,  
SCREENING AND SHARING PRACTICES

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[1](#)1. (U) Post presents the following updates to the survey on China's immigration control and watchlist systems for terrorist screening. Responses are keyed to lettered subheadings in ref A.

[1](#)2. (SBU) A: Immigration Databases and Traveler Information Collection: No updates to report.

[1](#)3. (SBU) B: Watchlisting: No updates to report.

[1](#)4. (SBU) C: Biometrics: China has installed biometric readers at select international airport terminals to be used on arriving Chinese citizens. As of yet, the system is not operational because of difficulties in standardizing the Chinese identification card. The new system, once operational, will accept fingerprint identification.

[1](#)5. (SBU) D: Border Control and Screening: The Ministry of Public Security (MPS) has advised us that there are seven countries (vice 18 reported previously) whose nationals may not have their temporary land transits into China recorded. MPS refused to identify which countries are on this list except to say that they all border or are in close proximity to China and that Afghanistan is not among them.

[1](#)6. (SBU) E: No updates to report.

[1](#)7. (SBU) F: Fraud Detection: No updates to report.

[1](#)8. (SBU) G: Privacy and Data Security: No updates to report.

[1](#)9. (SBU) H: Identifying Appropriate Partners: No updates to report.  
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